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PRODUCTION AND IMPORT COST OF FERTILIZERS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) The variety of fertilizers being produced by various companies in the country alongwith the details of such fertilizers being imported from foreign countries;

(b) the cost borne by each companies in the production of urea and the names of the companies to which the grants have been provided alongwith the per tonne rate at which these grants were provided to these companies, separately;

(c) the price of the same fertilizers in case they are imported and the per tonne production cost thereon in the country;

(d) whether the Government is carrying out research on exploring natural resources for their refining promotion to produce such fertilizers in the country itself; and

(e) if so, the names of the institutions engaged in such research and the details of the research works carried out in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS(SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a): Department of Fertilizers is presently administering two fertilizer subsidy schemes viz. New Pricing Scheme for Urea as well as Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) Policy for decontrolled phosphatic & potassic (P&K) fertilizers for providing the fertilizers at subsidized prices. The import of urea is on Government account. At present 25 grades of Phosphatic & Potassic fertilizers, namely, Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP), DAP Lite, Mono Ammonium Phosphate (MAP),Triple Super Phosphate (TSP), Muriate of Potash (MOP), Single Super Phosphate (SSP), Ammonium Sulphate and 18 grades of 'N', 'P', 'K' & 'S' complexes are covered under the NBS policy for decontrolled P&K fertilizers. A statement showing the P&K fertilizers being produced/imported by the fertilizer Companies is at Annex-I.

(b): The average cost of production of indigenous urea is Rs. 13076 Per Metric Tonne. A statement showing the notified cost of production of indigenous urea of various units and the subsidy released to them by Department of Fertilizers during 2010-11 is at Annex-II.

(c): The average cost of imported urea during 2010-11 was Rs. 12849.44 per Metric Tonne. The average cost of imported urea during 2011-12 so far is Rs. 20819.94 per Metric Tonne.

(d) & (e): Geological Survey of India (GSI) and Oil and Natural Gas Commission (ONGC) are engaged in exploration for natural resources, which, inter-alia, are essential for production of fertilizers. GSI has undertaken 88 mineral investigations for phosphatic minerals and 19 investigations for potassic minerals in the country.